

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1 1. (Original) A suspension assembly including a load beam and a flexure
2 supporting a slider, said flexure comprising:
3 a first supporting area connected to said load beam on a leading end side;
4 a second supporting area connected to said load beam on a supporting end side;
5 a flexure tongue provided with a supporting area of said slider, a dimple contact
6 point, and a leading edge;
7 a metal layer including:
8 a first loop spring structure extending from said first supporting area so as
9 to support said flexure tongue and having a parameter for giving stiffness to said flexure
10 tongue; and
11 a second loop spring structure extending from said second supporting area
12 so as to support said flexure tongue and having a parameter for giving stiffness to said
13 flexure tongue, a value of said parameter being selected in such a manner that said second
14 loop spring structure gives a stiffness smaller than the stiffness said first loop spring
15 structure gives to said flexure tongue; and
16 a wiring layer laminated on said metal layer in said second supporting area
17 and extendedly branching from said second supporting area toward said slider.

1 2. (Original) The suspension assembly according to claim 1, wherein said
2 first loop spring structure and said second loop spring structure constitute a pair of strip-shaped
3 arms each formed of the metal layer.

1 3. (Original) The suspension assembly according to claim 2, wherein each of
2 said parameters of said first and second loop spring structures is selected as one or a combination